

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: August 16-17, 2023

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.5e.(6), Action Item

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Subject: **SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY SUPPORT PHASE**
PPNO 3469/EA 4H890 – EL DORADO COUNTY –
UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 50
RESOLUTION FA-23-04

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the California Department of Transportation's (Department) request for an additional \$300,000 in Plans, Specifications and Estimate (PS&E) Capital Outlay Support (COS), for the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) Safety Improvements project on United States Highway (US) 50, in El Dorado County, to complete the PS&E phase?

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends that the Commission approve this request for a COS supplemental funds allocation for this SHOPP project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This project is located on US 50, in the City of South Lake Tahoe (City), from State Route 89 to Pioneer Trail, in El Dorado County. The project will install lighting, pedestrian signals at mid-block crossings and signs, and green bike lane treatment to improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.

FUNDING AND PROGRAMMING STATUS:

In October 2019, this project's PS&E phase was programmed for \$1,470,000 in the SHOPP for completion in Fiscal Year 2022-23. In June 2021, the project received a PS&E allocation for \$1,470,000. In March 2023, the project received G-12 funds in the amount of \$347,000 for PS&E. In June 2023, the project received a 20-month allocation time extension for the construction phase. The PS&E is currently at 80 percent complete. The remaining budget is

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\$95,000 for the PS&E phase, which is insufficient to complete the phase. The project is scheduled to be Ready to List (RTL) by January 2024, and is anticipated to complete the remaining PS&E activities by July 2024.

REASON FOR COST INCREASE:

The project realized cost increases due to acquiring temporary construction easements and permanent right of way acquisitions on 104 parcels. The amount of work and consultation with multiple property owners, modifying the design multiple times to accommodate property owners' requests, and efforts to minimize the number of Resolutions of Necessities (RONs) were the reasons for the increases in PS&E.

The project originally started with 104 parcels for temporary construction easements and permanent right of way acquisition. The Department had worked effectively to this point by redesigning and remapping the plans to mitigate the impact on properties and businesses. However, the engagement and coordination efforts were more extensive than anticipated. There are still several property owners to engage that may require further redesign of the plans. The Department requested the full G-12 funding to prevent work stoppage and allow time to determine the final PS&E resources.

After March 2023, the Department continued working with the property owners on design changes to accommodate their requests, sign contracts on a significant number of parcels, and process 14 RONs. There are 11 outstanding RONs still being processed and three RONs are scheduled for upcoming Commission meetings. While these issues have been more challenging than anticipated, the Department is engaging with the remaining property owners and continuing design changes as appropriate. The Department anticipates reaching RTL by January 2024, and completing the remaining PS&E activities by July 2024. The Department is requesting \$300,000 in PS&E for these efforts.

CONSEQUENCES:

If this supplemental allocation request for additional funding is not approved, the Department will not be able to complete the PS&E phase, and contract documents to proceed with the construction of this project. The project will not be able to address safety improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists. The project would be delayed until future funding is available to be re-programmed in a future SHOPP cycle at a greater cost resulting in continued safety improvement deficiencies and possible travel impacts to the City.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTION:

Resolved, that \$300,000 be allocated for PS&E to provide funds to complete the pre-construction phases for this SHOPP project.

Attachment

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2.5 Highway Financial Matters

Project # Allocation Amount Recipient County Dist-Co-Rte Postmile	Location Project Description	PPNO Program Phase Program Code Project ID Adv Phase EA	Original Amount	This Supplemental Request
2.5e.(6)	COS Supplemental Funds for Previously Voted Project			Resolution FA-23-04
1 \$300,000 Department of Transportation El Dorado 03-ED-50 75.4/80	In South Lake Tahoe, from Route 89 to Pioneer Trail. Outcome/Output: Install lighting, pedestrian signals at mid-block crossings, signs, and green bike lane treatment to improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists. CEQA - ND, 5/5/2021; Re-validation 4/21/2023 NEPA - CE, 5/10/2021; Re-validation 4/21/2023 Future consideration of funding approved under Resolution E-21-48; June 2021	03-3469 SHOPP PS&E 20.10.201.010 0319000072 1 4H890	\$1,470,000	\$300,000